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ATTACHMENT 1

July 23, 2007

To: The City Clerks's Office for the  
City Council of the City of Santa Barbara  
735 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: Appeal

Re: City Planning Commission Hearing  
July 12, 2007  
Item III. Staff Hearing Officer Appeal – re 518 State Street proposal

Dear Madam Mayor and City Council Members;

While we are not opposed to the Craviotto family developing their property, we do not agree with the proposal in its currently approved form. Our concerns and reasons for the appeal are:

Our neighboring building, at 524 State Street, is an historic building, having been built in 1914 as best as we can determine. Its South facing windows are important to the ventilation and cooling of the building, especially important during congregational services at the Church. The South facing windows are "Legal, Non-Conforming as they pre-date codes concerning windows facing property lines. The windows are significant to the character of the building which has been a part of Old Town Santa Barbara for almost 100 years.

The Existing Plan, would cover most or all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor windows at 524 State; and, as currently designed, would bring about a violation of building and safety codes in the 524 State Street building as well as cause a very adverse affect on the ventilation to the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd floors of the Church there.

The proposed project is in its early stages, with the current proposal being the first to have public review. Only exterior design work has been done at this time. Now is the correct step in the process to discover and resolve any problems with the proposed design and make any exterior design changes, before full construction design work is begun.

We see that there is room for creativity in this project such that a very similar project could be designed that does not harm the historic form of the 524 State Street building.

For example, the Craviotto's specifically retained the right to build over the paseo connecting State Street to Parking Lot 11 but have chosen instead to build against the property to the North without regard to the causation of building and safety codes in that neighboring building. There is ample room for creativity with this project to create an excellent development, which yet does not trigger significant exterior changes to an historic City building.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to our appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Holzinger", written in a cursive style.

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